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Fort Stanwix National Monument
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BECOME A FORT STANWIX NATIONAL MONUMENT JUNIOR RANGER



Fort Stanwix National Monument Junior Ranger Program



How do you become a Junior Ranger?

Your parents can help or
you can finish this program all by yourself.

You can finish the program in about one hour.

Follow the directions in this program to earn your Fort Stanwix National Monument Junior Ranger Badge, your Junior Ranger Certificate, and other goodies.

TRAVEL TO FORT STANWIX!

In 1777, during the American Revolution, thousands of British Soldiers invaded New York State, hoping to divide the 13 states and end the American rebellion.

Can you find the way to Fort Stanwix?



THE GREAT CARRY!

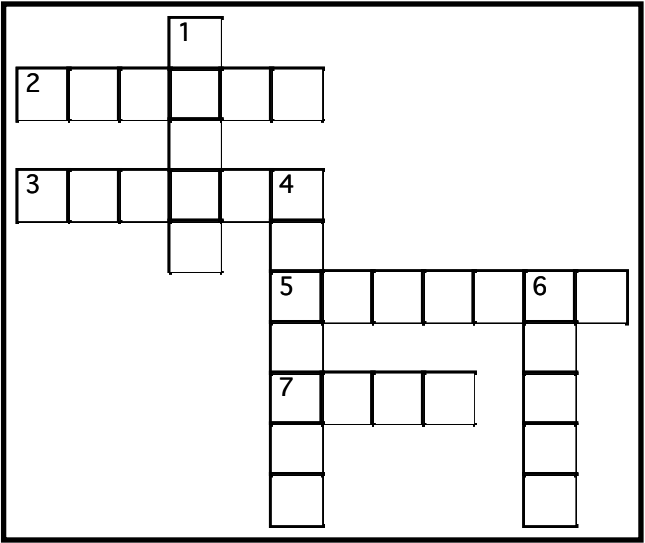
Unscramble the words in **Red** in the story to solve the crossword puzzle. Talk to a Ranger about the changes in area land use.

ACROSS

2. The Great Carry connected the **hawkMo** River flowing east to Wood Creek.
3. The Iroquois traveled the many **sreRiv** and streams across New York.
5. The Iroquois People lived in what we call New York State long before Columbus discovered **Amireac** in 1492.
7. Wood Creek flowed in the opposite direction to the **stWe**.

DOWN

1. People traveled from the Atlantic Ocean to the Great Lakes by **treWa**.
4. The British People built many forts on the Great Carry to protect the Mohawk Valley from enemy attack. The fort that you are visiting today was first built by the British and called Fort **Snitxaw**.
6. Where the rivers did not meet, they carried their belongings and their boats. One large portage was at Rome, New York. The Indians called this place The Great **Cryar**.



ARTISANS OF THE FORT!

The people who helped build the fort were called artisans. You can tell what job they have by their names. Try to match their names to their jobs.

This artisan cuts wood.



Cooper

This artisan uses black iron.



Baker

This artisan makes barrels.



Sawyer

This artisan makes bread.



Blacksmith

TRADER BINGO!

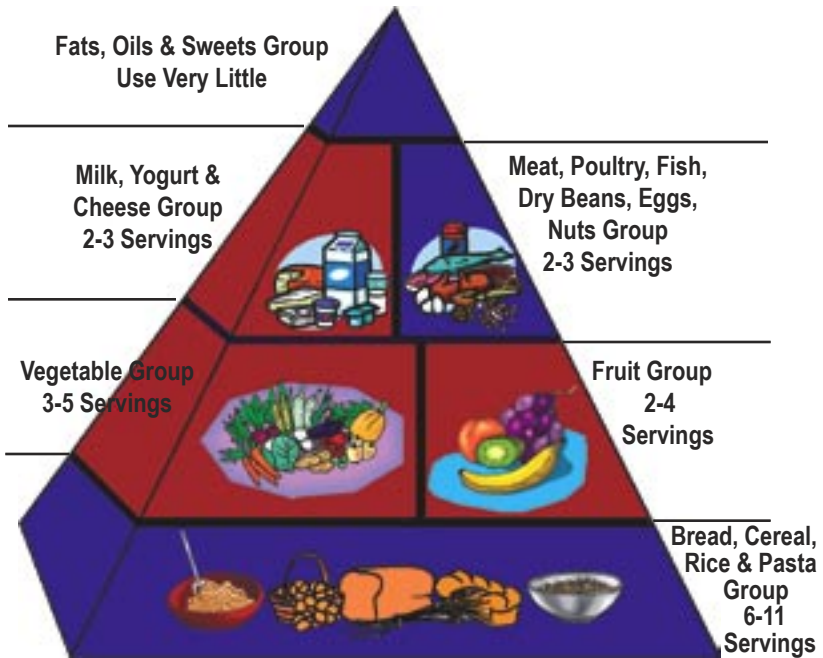
One of the important areas of the fort was the Trading Post or Suttler Shop. This part of the fort served as the store for the fort community. People could buy or trade here for food, clothing, and items they needed. In the Bingo card below, draw the items you see in the Trading Post. Try to fill the whole card in. Sometimes supply shipments from Albany were slow in coming. If you don't see what you're looking for, ask a Ranger.

KETTLE	HATCHET	CLOTH
CLAY PIPE	BUTTON	BOTTLE
SPOON	FOOD	TOY

FEEDING THE TROOPS!

The soldiers at Fort Stanwix had to cook the food the Army gave them every day. The Army thought that soldiers only needed meat and bread to stay healthy. We know better, today. The food pyramid below shows the different food groups we should eat from every day and how many servings.

The chart below shows in **blue** what the soldiers ate every day – fatty meat and bread. What is missing from their diet to stay healthy?



Fill in the chart on the right to show what you ate yesterday. Was there anything missing from your diet that you can eat today to stay healthy?



MAKE YOUR OWN FORT FLAG!

Many different flags flew over Fort Stanwix.

Third New York Flag
(used as New York State flag
today)



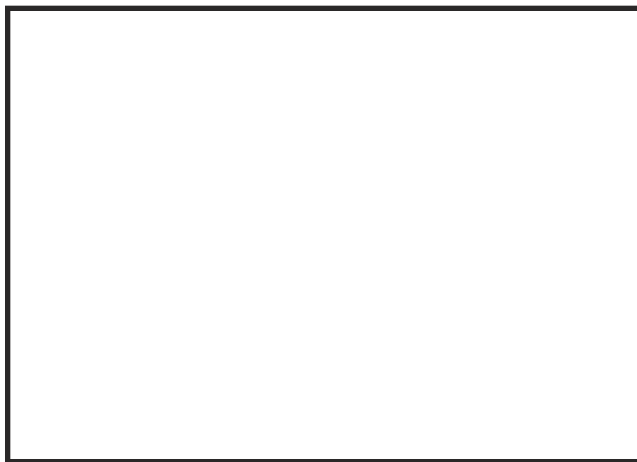
British King's Colors



Modern American Flag
(flying over fort today)



In the space below, create your own fort flag.



STICK WITH IT!

During the American Revolution, The Americans and their Indian friends had to “Stick With It” and not give up. The British wanted them to surrender, but the Americans would not give up.

Colonel Peter Gansevoort wrote this answer to the British demands that the Americans give up:

“It is my determined resolution...to defend this fort and garrison to the last extremity, on behalf of the United American States, who have placed me here to defend it against all their enemies.”

What, in your own words, was the Colonel trying to say?

The Americans sent for help. They got a message back.
Can you decode the message?

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 ◀↑↗ ▷↗▲←↘

↗ = A	↘ = B	↖ = C	↙ = D	↕ = E	← = F
→ = G	↑ = H	↓ = I	↘ = J	↗ = K	↖ = L
↖ = M	↗ = N	↙ = O	▲ = P	▼ = Q	△ = R
▽ = S	◀ = T	▶ = U	◁ = V	▷ = W	◀ = X
▲ = Y	▼ = Z	↘ = .			

What message would you send to the Americans inside the fort?

CANNON FROM THE BASTIONS

William Colbrath wrote about the end of the Siege of Fort Stanwix in 1777:

“August 23rd ... This afternoon the Honorable Major General Arnold Arrived here with near a 1000 Men. They were Saluted with a Discharge of powder from ... all the Cannon from the Bastions amounting in the whole to 13, Attended with three Cheers from the Troops ...”

At this time, there were 13 cannon at Fort Stanwix.

Mark where you would put the 13 cannons to defend Fort Stanwix. The openings to fire the cannons are marked in red.



ANSWERS

Crossword puzzle answers:

Across:

- 2. MOHAWK
- 3. RIVERS
- 5. AMERICA
- 7. WEST

Down

- 1. WATER
- 4. STANWIX
- 6. CARRY

Feeding the Troops answers:

Missing from the soldiers' diets were:
fruit, vegetables, and milk products

Decode the message answer:

"Stick with it. Help is on the way."

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CONGRATULATIONS!

YOU ARE A FORT STANWIX NATIONAL MONUMENT JUNIOR RANGER!

Becoming a Junior Ranger was hard work.
The Rangers at Fort Stanwix hope you had fun.

You can become a Junior Ranger at more than a
hundred other parks across America.

You can also become a Web Ranger.

What is a Web Ranger?

A Web Ranger is:

- ... a Care-taker
- ... an Adventurer
- ... a Learner
- ... a Seeker
- ... a Discoverer

A Web Ranger could be ...
... YOU!

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